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SUBJECT: IKEBANA INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

FOR MRS. LLEWELLYN THOMPSON FROM AMBASSADOR

1. WIFE OF FEDERAL GERMAN REPUBLIC AMBASSADOR HAS REQUESTED WIVES OF AMBASSADORS IN TOKYO PARTICIPATE IN IKEBANA INTERNATIONAL "FRIENDSHIP THROUGH FLOWERS" DISPLAY TO BE HELD DECEMBER 6. REQUEST IS THAT ARTS AND HANDICRAFTS OF COUNTRY TOGETHER WITH TYPICAL FLOWER ARRANGEMENT BE SUBMITTED BY EACH EMBASSY. MRS. HODGSON HAS AGREED PARTICIPATE. BY SEPARATE TELEGRAM WE HAVE ORDERED FROM WILLIAMSBURG INN TWO BOXES DRIED FLOWERS, AND THROUGH MRS. TULLY WHO IS BUYER JAPANESE ANTIQUES AND FINE CHINA FOR I. MAGNIN, A CONTACT HAS BEEN MADE WITH MRS. EDWARD MARSHALL BOEHM. MRS. BOEHM HAS ENTHUSIASTICALLY AGREED SEND ONE OR TWO PIECES BOEHM CERAMIC BIRDS. MRS. BOEHM WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU RE SHIPPING THESE PIECES OUT UNDER ART IN EMBASSY PROGRAM.

2. AS YOU KNOW, MRS. HODGSON AND I VERY ANXIOUS TO HAVE FINEST AMERICAN ARTS AND CRAFTS SEEN IN TOKYO AND THIS IKEBANA INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OFFERS EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR THIS TO BE DONE.
HODGSON

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